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TAGS: EFIS, FAO  
SUBJ: CECAF MEETING: OPPORTUNITIES FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE

1. CLEAR THEME OF CECAF MEETING WAS NEED FOR FISHERIES TRAINING ESPECIALLY IN FISHERIES STATISTICS AND FISHERIES MANAGEMENT. ANY U.S. TRAINING PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO FULFILL THIS TASK WOULD MEET REGION'S MOST IMPORTANT GOALS AS DEFINED BY COASTAL STATES IN REGION.
2. ALL NON-COASTAL COUNTRIES OF CECAF WERE INDIVIDUALLY CALLED UPON BY CECAF CHAIRMAN TO OUTLINE AREAS WHERE THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO CONTRIBUTE TO FISHERIES TRAINING. USDEL REPLIED, IN TURN, THAT U.S. WOULD FAVORABLY CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR TRAINING BY QUALIFIED SCIENTISTS, SENT THROUGH APPROPRIATE EMBASSY CHANNELS. IT CAN BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED THAT ISSUE OF TRAINING WILL BE RAISED AT NEXT CECAF MEETING AND IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO BE ABLE TO CITE TRAINING PROGRAMS UNDERTAKEN.

3. SECOND AREA WHERE U.S. HAS SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE, AND WHERE U.S. FISHERIES ARE INVOLVED IN CECAF AREA, IS IN SHRIMP BIOLOGY. IT WAS EARLIER REPORTED THAT CECAF FELT THAT GULF OF GUINEA SHRIMP UNCLASSIFIED

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STOCKS NOW BEING FULLY HARVESTED AND CONCLUDED THAT STEPS WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN TO PLACE CATCH QUOTAS AND/OR FLEET LIMITATIONS ON SHRIMP TO MANAGE RESOURCE.

4. DURING DEBATE ON THIS SECTION, RFA NOTED THAT OTHER FACTORS, SUCH AS AMOUNT OF RAINFALL DURING SPAWNING SEASON, ALSO PLAY ROLE IN DETERMINING STATUS OF STOCKS. THIS WAS NOTED IN FINAL REPORT.

5. RFA NOTES THAT CECAF SCIENTISTS "MIGHT" IMPOSE CONTROLS ON SHRIMP FISHING IN REGION WITHOUT FULL KNOWLEDGE OF SHRIMP BIOLOGY TO DETREMENT OF U.S. JOINT VENTURE SHRIMP FLEETS. U.S. INTERESTS IN THIS FIELD, THUS, WOULD BE SERVED BY (A) ASSISTANCE IN TRAINING A FEW LOCAL SHRIMP BIOLOGISTS, (B) CONTRIBUTING SERVICES OF A TRAINED U.S. SHRIMP BIOLOGIST TO CECAF PROGRAM, OR TO INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENTS, (C) LITERATURE ON SHRIMP BIOLOGY AND CONSERVATION, OR (D) COMBINATION OF A-C.

6. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, USAID, AND NMFS/NOAA/DOC MAY WISH TO CONSIDER ADVISABILITY OF SUCH ASSISTANCE TO CECAF PROGRAM OR TO INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES.

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